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Student Government working hard

BY DEDEE LUDWIG
Staff Writer

With the semester more than half done, student government is in full swing. The members of student government are all working to attack some of the new issues facing Purdue Calumet.

A fall break at Purdue Calumet next year is a possibility. Though the West Lafayette campus has a fall break, Purdue Calumet does not have one at the present time. Many phone calls and meetings need to take place, fall break next year is a possibility.

Mandatory parking fees is an additional issue in the student government office. At the present time students pay a flat rate for parking. The mandatory parking fee would charge people per credit hour.

"We may have an informative meeting in room C-100 in the future. That would help to get student feedback on the issue," said Jarrett Mitchell the student government president.

At this time, Mitchell is also looking into the issue of restructuring of the school system. Though majors or requirements will not be changed, the restructuring of the schools will affect grade appeals.

"At this time there are two schools and two ways to appeal grades for each school. When it is restructured there will be four schools and also four ways to appeal grades," said Mitchell. "We don't see any other issues regarding the restructuring though."

Another issue that has come to the student government office is the accessibility of the Gyte annex elevator for handicapped students. When the elevator was installed it was not put in correctly and because of that, it is not very accessible for handicapped students.

"A few solutions presented are a new elevator, a ramp, or an attendant at the elevator to help anyone requiring assistance," said Mitchell.

A new microwave in the Library and Gyte buildings may be on the way, along with a fax machine in the information desk. "The fax machine would be accessible to students and they would be able to send or receive faxes from it," said Mitchell.

Photo by Gregg Leonard

Student Government President Jarret Mitchell, in the SG office. The PUC SG has a full slate this semester, with many student concerns.

Students say education issues played a role in how they voted

CHICAGO (CPS) - Students leaving the polls Tuesday night said President Clinton's emphasis on higher education issues throughout his campaign won their votes.

Clinton was easily re-elected with an overwhelming majority of Electoral College votes, winning 379 votes to Dole's 159. To retain the presidency, 270 were needed. According to national exit polls, Clinton's largest group of supporters were 18- to 29-year-olds.

At DePaul University in Chicago, students who voted for Clinton said they supported the president because he's in-tune with their generation and cares about education.

At the same time, many expressed frustration that they didn't have better choices, citing concerns about Clinton's character as the president begins a second term in office.

"He's a more energetic leader than the other options," said Heather Schmiedekamp, 21, a senior music major. "I thought about Ralph Nader for a while, but thought I better go with the main two."

She voted Democratic because "a lot of times I just don't see the Republican party as having good things for college students in there," she said. "The whole thing with the Republican Congress trying to slash college loans is really frightening at a time when college tuition is going up."

Clinton's education proposals-a centerpiece of his re-election bid-include a $1,500-a-year tuition tax credit for the first two years of college, called HOPE scholarships, and a $10,000 tax deduction for college tuition.

"The president has based a lot of his campaign on his proposals to help students with higher education," said David Merkowitz, director of the American Council on Education in Washington, D.C.

In nearly every campaign speech, Clinton touted his campaign proposals to promote access

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Men's team begins season

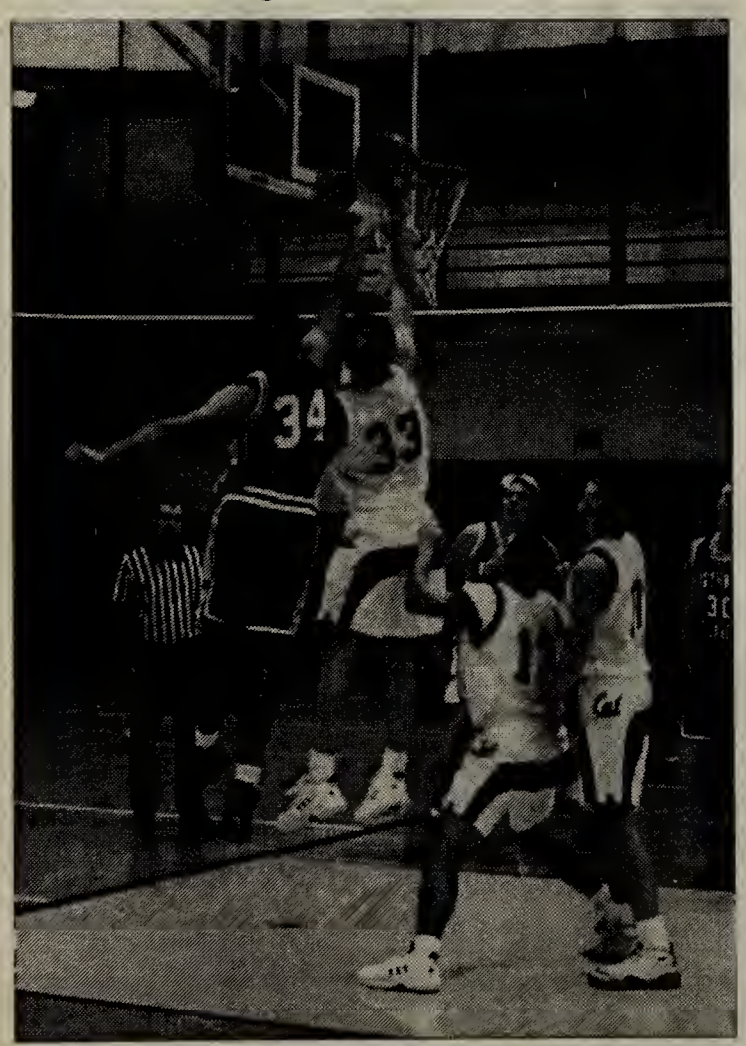

Photo by Sean Kingston

Scott Sparks goes up for two in the Laker's mens basketball season opener against Northwest Nazarene last Friday. The Lakers lost 77-62.

News in brief from around campus

"Racial Attitudes in the Calumet Region"

Professor Theresa Carilli, Associate Professor of Communication and Creative Arts will present findings from a qualitative study which explores racial attitudes in the Calumet Region. this Thursday, Nov. 14 at 2 p.m.in the Porter Building, Room 200. Professor Carilli will discuss the findings of the study and the implications for race relations in Northwest Indiana.The presentation is sponsored by the Ethnic Studies Program and is free to the public. Students, faculty and staff are welcome to attend.

"Generation X meets Corporate America"

On Tuesday, Nov. 19, there will be a presentation offering an in-depth look at corporate America interfacing on a major project.

The event will feature guests John Gilmoor of Tunn & Blank Engineering and Ricardo Moreno, producer of the Streetwise Cable Show on TCI Cable. The event will be at 4:30 p.m. in Alumni Hall.

Register in Merrillville for south Lake County classes

Registration for Purdue University Calumet classes offered next spring semester at three south Lake County sites is scheduled at the Hellenic Cultural Center, from 3 to 7 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 13 and 14.

The Hellenic Cultural Center is located in Merrillville at 8000 Madison St. (Madison and 80th Place).

Courses are offered in such areas as communication, English, management, supervision, history, psychology, sociology, Spanish, economics, education, mathematics, chemistry, architectural technology, industrial engineering technology, nutrition, philosophy and political science.

University student services administrative staff will be present at the on-site registration to greet prospective students, answer questions and register students for classes.

Classes begin Jan. 13.

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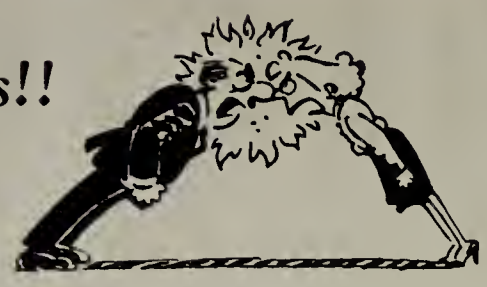

By LEO BRYANT & WILLIAM GIDDINGS

Everybody gets frustrated and stressed out from time to time. Sometimes, circumstances on this campus trigger pressure-releasing outbursts.

High on that list of circumstances are the times when you go to an office, like, say, Financial Aid or the Bursar, to get information or resolve financial matters, and you are told...

You owe more than you thought.

Or, what you owe is due sooner than you thought.

Or, you can't get money you think is supposed to come to you.

Or, the paperwork isn't ready yet!

Frustrating and aggravating, for sure! And the urge is to ventilate those feelings at the folks giving you the bad news.

Ventilating is one thing, but verbally abusing, cursing at or physically intimidating campus employees are acts of behavior that are inappropriate and will not be tolerated on this campus! We have received reports of such disruptive behavior in recent weeks. Several incidents are under investigation by the office we represent.

Rarely does blowing up, cursing or intimidating someone achieve much except to bring out the defensiveness and temper in the person you are targeting. That is to say, the message they're giving you tends not to change no matter how much you rant, rave and carry on. All you have accomplished is to make a bad situation worse.

Before exercising your temper, consider that you are responsible for your behavior. If you fail to keep your temper in check on campus and violate the University Regulations Governing Student Conduct, you can and will be subject to disciplinary action.

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Dr. Leo Bryant is Vice Chancellor for Student Services & Dean of Students.

Dr. William Giddings is Assistant to the Dean of Students.

Chronicle news tip hotline - call x2548

At a glance

student organizations

Join Circle K

Join Circle K, the student university affiliate of the International Kiwanis Club, which meets every Sunday from 7-8 p.m. in room K-129 of the K-Building (Fitness Center)

Circle K is a philanthropic organization emphasizing leadership , confidence and social interaction through community service. Scholarships are available. For more information call John Dankavick at (219) 845-8421 anytime before 8:30 p.m.

Cheer Team selling PUC license plates

These gold and black plates are great for the front of your car and would make excellent stocking stuffers for new and old graduates. You can show your spirit and support by purchasing a license plate for $1.00 by E-mailing Wendy Saylor or calling x2363.

NWI World Trade Council

On Nov. 18, the NWITC will be conducting a general meeting for all members and board of directors. Students of all majors are invited to join. The meeting will cover nominations for officers. NWITC will be sponsoring a trip to the International Library in downtown Chicago Nov. 9. For more details on the organization or the trip, please call Harry Lepinske at (219) 989-2407. More details on the general meeting location will be given at a later time.

Free Legal advice

Mondays, from 6 - 8 p.m. in C-324H a fully qualified lawyer will be available to talk to students on all legal matters. Appointments are necessary - contact student activities at x2369.

around campus

Faculty/ Staff Art Show

Whatever your talent or specialty, the Art Committee invites all faculty and staff to participate in the upcoming Faculty/Staff Art show, which will hang in the Bicentennial Art Gallery in the Library from Oct. 25 through Nov. 27.

Any and all Purdue Calumet Faculty and Staff are encouraged to show off their talents. Questions can be answered by the Director of Library Services' office at ext. 2249.

Chemistry lecture

On Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 7:30 p.m. there will be a chemistry lecture in G-103. Professor Jon R. Kirchhoff, Department of Chemistry University of Toledo, Ohio,will speak on "Spectroelectrochemistry:New electrodes and Measurements"

This lecture describes pioneering research in a developing area of analytical chemistry which will be sure to have applications in the study of chemical reaction mechanisms and in environmental studies. Professor Kirchhoff will be available to discuss graduate work at his university. For any questions contact John Phillips 989-2283.

Lunch-time seminar

Lunch-Times Seminars on Faculty Research at Purdue Calumet presents Dr. Chenn Q. Zhou who will speak on "Numerical Simulation of Multi-Phase Reacting Flows in an FCC Riser" on Thursday, noon-12:50 p.m., November 14, 1996 in C-301.

Hall of fame nominations

Nominations for induction consideration into the Purdue Calumet Hall of Fame are due by December 31, 1996. Four induction awards will be presented at the Chancellor's Annual Gala, scheduled April, 26, 1997 at the Center for Visual and Performing Arts.

Hall of Fame Awards:

- The Chancellor's Award for Extraordinary Public Service
- The President's Award for Dedication to Higher Education
- The Carl H. Elliott Award for Exceptional Philanthropy
- The Richard J. Combs Award for Lifelong Commitment to the Advancement of Purdue University Calumet

Nominations can be made by requesting a form from the Office of Advancement at x2323.

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Quote of the week

'Never before have we had so little time in which to do so much.'

-Franklin Delano Roosevelt 1882 – 1945

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to higher education, Merkowitz said.

On the other hand, "the Dole campaign has not addressed student aid as directly," said Merkowitz.

Indeed, in their acceptance speeches Tuesday night, Clinton and Vice President Al Gore told cheering audiences that their administration would pave the way for students to pay for college. Clinton said he would work to make higher education possible for "every single 18-year-old willing to work for it."

Gore said in its second term, the administration would make higher education "open to all and affordable to all."

But despite Clinton's win, Republicans kept control of the Senate and the House. With the GOP setting the agenda, it could mean more of the same bitter, partisan gridlock that twice closed down the government down last year.

It also could mean Clinton can expect continued attacks on some of his key education programs, including the AmeriCorps national service program and direct lending.

But the fact that Clinton and the GOP Congress worked together on a number of pieces of legislation as the election drew closer is a good sign, said Merkowitz, who predicted both parties will likely be jockeying for the high ground on education. "In exit polls, young voters surveyed said Clinton is more in touch with the 1990s and has a better vision for the future. "I like their plan for education," said Ann Ruane, 21, a political science major at DePaul. "The one thing that will lead this country is education."

She also supports Clinton's position on abortion rights and welfare reform. "I'm happy," she said. "I think Dole is a very nice man-he's one of the better Republican candidates-I just don't think he's what we need right now."

Lisa Sciarretta, 20, a sophomore international marketing major at DePaul, said the president could better relate to the issues that concern college students. "You're looking at a man who grew up in the 60s. His daughter is going through the same kind of stuff we're going through," she said. "I just had a little more trust in him because he has more interest in his own daughter's future."

But sharp attacks on Clinton's character-a key strategy used by Dole as election day neared-would not be quickly forgotten, according to Sciarretta. "I'm hoping he'll try to do something better about his reputation," she said. "I hope just because he's won he won't put his feet up, and put his pen down, and say 'I can kick back, I'm home free.'"

Jessica Corcoran, 21, said she voted for Dole because the president lacked integrity. "Clinton is a liar, a thief and an adulterer," she said. "I just hate Clinton."

Corcoran, a communications major, describes herself as more conservative than liberal. She's disappointed that Dole was defeated "If you can't trust your president, who can you trust?" she said. "Oh well, another four years. There's not much you can do about it."

Experts predicted that 1996 would not be a record year for young voter turnout, largely because of an unexciting presidential race and a general disinterest in politics.

Voters News Service, a collaboration of the major television networks and the Associated Press, projected that 49 percent of the voting age population cast ballots, which would make it the lowest voter turnout since 1924.

Richard Semiatin, an American University political science professor, estimated that the youth voter turnout was down at least 8 percent since the last presidential election. In 1992, a record 46 percent of registered young voters turned out at the polls.

The low turnout came despite record numbers of registered voters, who signed up to vote through electronic forms on the Internet, or through the "motor voter" law.

"So they're registered to vote, that doesn't mean they have an attachment to voting," Semiatin said.

Providing for those in need

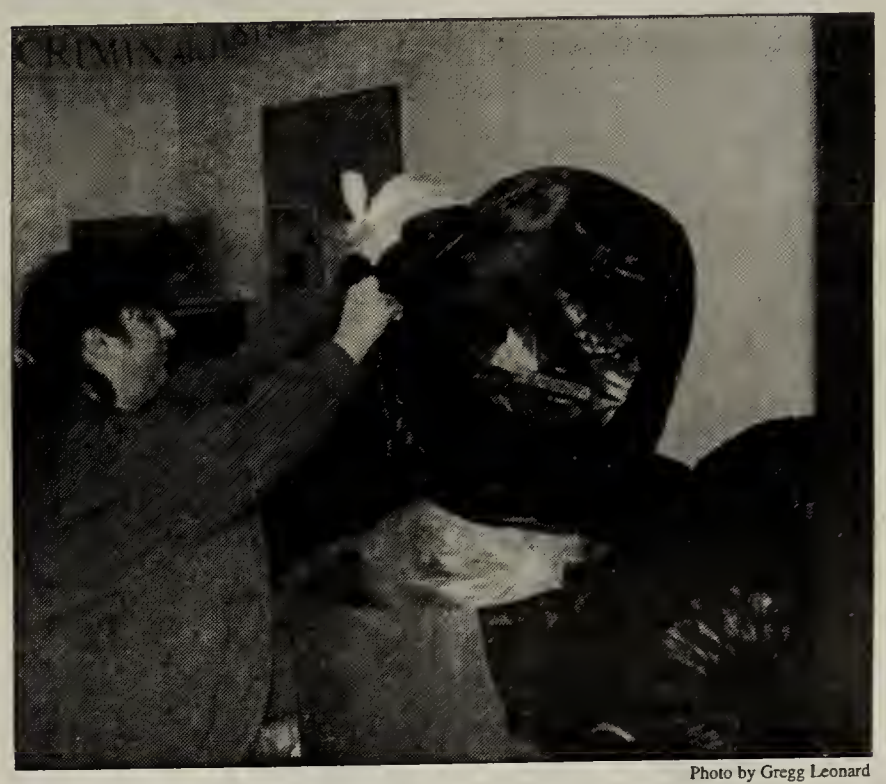

Photo by Gregg Leonard

Stephanie Vlahos stacks bags of clothing in the Criminal Justice Club office. The club held a coat drive to provide winter clothing for the needy. Not all was winter clothes though - someone provided a bikini for the drive. The clothes were donated to the Salvation Army.

Campus myth receives film treatment

MTV Films bases movie on dead roomate legend.

HOLLYWOOD (CPS) – It's a popular campus myth known as the "dead man" clause: if a student commits suicide, his or her roommates automatically get straight A's.

Most college officials say no, that's simply not so.

But MTV liked the idea so much that it's reportedly in talks to produce a low-budget film on the campus legend, aptly named "Dead Man on Campus."

The story, which is to be a comedy, centers on a pair of partying freshman who realize the only way they can pass is to find a suicidal roommate, Variety reports.

MTV Films would hope for an early 1997 shoot.

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Green Coalition speaker

The Purdue Calumet Green Coalition will host Bowen Quinn, of the Grand Calumet Task Force, who will speak on the topic of environmental justice. The event will take place Tuesday, Nov. 19, from 1 to 3 p.m. in room C-321.

The Grand Calumet Task Force is a local environmental organization based in Whiting. The organization was recently recognized by the Hoosier Environmental Council for their grassroots efforts in environmental justice.

The Green Coalition is a new environmental organization on campus and meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday from noon to 2 p.m. in the library study area.

Purdue Calumet Garage Sale

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Maybe not the Ivy League, but still...

Now that we are well into the fall, with leaves changing and the air becoming brisk, it is time to thank the powers that be at the PUC for their foresight in giving us Founders Plaza.

Over the summer as we endured the dirt, mud, wooden planks, construction workers, detours, and general inconvenience, we wondered if someone had made a mistake. Was this to be a waste of someone's money?

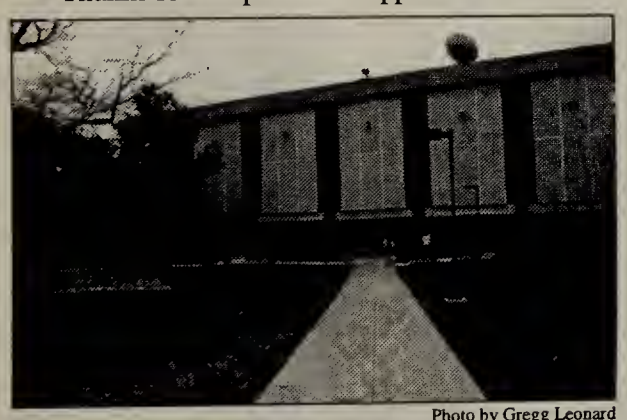
But this fall as each section was completed, and the grass began to grow, it became apparent that the idea was indeed a good one. Walking between the library building and Gyte or Porter, one actually can experience a little of the ambiance present at larger universities. The plaza, with its landscaping and brick walkways creates a tranquil environment that invites the passerby to linger. The lighting after dark enhances the park-like setting.

Of course the real thanks goes to the people who donated money to make the plaza possible, and Gary Edwards' fund-raising efforts.. Various people, students past and present, faculty, administrators, and friends of the university bought 'paver bricks' at either $100 or $175. These bricks, which are inscribed with the names of the donor, can be viewed along the walkways.

As students we wonder if things like the attractiveness of the university setting really means anything in the big picture of education and getting a degree. Maybe it does and maybe it doesn't.

What does matter is that our surroundings are something that in NW Indiana can at times be bleak. The university can become our sanctuary from a world of steel mills defining our horizons and the Borman dissecting of communities.

Thanks for the plaza. We appreciate it.



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Founders Plaza looking toward the SLFC. The plaza was funded entirely by private donations.

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"AM I BETTER OFF NOW THAN I WAS FOUR YEARS AGO?!! NO, MY CHOICES FOR PRESIDENT ARE STILL LOUSY!"

Four more years

Clinton is king of the hill again commentary by Scott Gonzales

It's been almost a week now that President Clinton has regained control of the nations highest seat and I know, the title's a little much, but I figured what the heck! For all the flack about trustworthiness, President Clinton has taken the helm for one more four year term and I couldn't feel better about the nation's future.

Besides being the only Democratic President to win two consecutive terms since Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Clinton has shown us that the tide may be turning for this nation. His re-election can be interpreted as call for the Republican right to just sit down finally and shut up. People are sick of hearing how the Republicans and the Republicans alone have a lock on family values, and family unity. But enough about them.

Now it's time for me to paint a picture for you all. It's last Tuesday, and results are coming as President Clinton is reveling in the incoming results. Dole is sinking fast and Clinton's smile is growing wider and wider. He turns to Al. Al smiles back at Bill and then it happens. They simultaneously get up as Hillary and Tipper slip that Los Del Rio CD in the player and soon the whole White House is Macrarenaing (I'm not sure if that's a real word but what the heck) the night away. The White House will never be the same.

Meanwhile in the Dole camp, Bob's smile is slowly dissolving into a scowl as he listens to Elizabeth repeat all the election results. He's slowly realizing that he can call that U-Haul man back and cancel the movers. But who really likes moving anyway, he thinks to himself, there's all that packing, going to the local grocery store for boxes, and people are always breaking things in the move. It's better I stay where I am, Dole thinks to himself as he channel surfs from CNN, NBC, and ABC searching for some light at the end of the tunnel. Unfortunately all the lights are out.

But where do we go from here as a nation? God only knows. The House and Senate are still under the watchful eyes and ears of the Republican party. Well, no system is not perfect by any means. Newt, 'Ol Newt, can come out of hiding now that the election is over. Newt hid during the last months of the elections like a vampire on a day pass. But he had the last laugh, that's for sure as he stays in control as Speaker of the House, and a pain in Clinton's proverbial neck.

DeAmoto, the Whitewater harpy who shouted accusations from the mountain tops can also come out of hiding. He's another one who ran for cover during those last months of the election, only after he tried to drag Hillary Clintons' name through the mud, plaster Bill Clintons' reputation on front pages of newspapers all over the nation, and only hurt Dole with his witch hunting attitude. The only reputation he hindered, in the end, was his own.

As many elections in the recent past, the voting public was on the edge of our seats as to the winner of the election till maybe 6:45 p.m., 15 minutes before our states' polls even closed. The networks had already championed Clinton as the King of the World or at least winner of the Presidency. All was right with the world and peace reigned on the people of these United States. And as Bob Dole always says, "God Bless America."

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing this in response to Cherie L. Mitchell, SG Vice President of Legislation's, recent letter to the editor (*Chronicle, 10/10*). First of all I am choosing to ignore the entire letter up until the last paragraph due to its slanderous nature.

Miss Mitchell, in your final paragraph you stated, and I quote, "Ladies and Gentlemen, instead of being concerned with student government affairs; you should be concerned with you existence on this campus."

Now it is my turn to ask you something. Miss Mitchell, is it not my fight as a part of the Purdue Calumet student body to be concerned with your actions as a student government member? In fact under Article IV, Section 3 of the Constitution of the Purdue Calumet Student Government Association it states, and I again quote, "It is further responsibility of the officers to act as the official representatives of the Student Body, through the Student Government."

I'm sorry Miss Mitchell, but it was under my understanding, since your constitution does state that you are my representative, that you are my representative. Not only are you mine, but the whole student body's representative. However, with your quote you do not seem to share my same sentiments, or any of the other fine students on this campus.

For your information as well Miss Mitchell, yes I may be a College Republican and a member of Theta Phi Alpha, but my letters are written as a concerned student and nothing else. I chose to leave out my affiliations when I wrote the letter in the Sept.25 issue of the Chronicle as well as this one.

Sincerely,
Tracy La Buda
Concerned Student

Dear Lisa:

student-to-student advice

BY LISA PAJKOS

Dear Lisa:

A friend and I have drifted apart. In high school we were best friends. We did everything together. Now, I need a best friend more then ever. The other day I saw this person in passing. Her attitude changed. She's not the same person I knew along time ago. It's almost as if we never grew up together at all. What should I do?

– Wanted: One Lost Best Friend

Dear Wanted:

I once had a friend in middle school whom I was inseparable with. We used to talk on the phone for hours, and share our ideas and secrets. At lunch we would sit together and continue our phone conversation from the previous night. Then high school started. As freshman we didn't know anybody else. However, as the semesters passed we took separate classes, and met other people. Suddenly, my best friend in the whole world and I stopped calling each other. We almost stopped eating lunch together since we felt unconfortable talking. Being five lockers down from each other should have made it easier to at least say hello in passing, but it didn't. It was like my best friend and I just drifted apart. Do you want to know the saddest part? I had no interest in being her friend anymore. We had different values, ideas of fun, and most of all taste in what life should be. I knew that high school had changed us, and that was okay. Recently, I saw my friend working at the local grocery store. We said hello and she wrote down my telephone number-the same number she called a hundred times in middle school and the first part of high school. She never called me, and I feel there is no point in striking a burnt match. I live in small town so I hear rumors about her. Most rumors are bad so you can imagine what I hear. Most of all I still realize that even now as young adults we still live different lives. I understand that as children we don't look at whose family makes more money, who dresses with class and who doesn't. As we entered adolescence these things become more apparent, and what we thought we had in common turned out to be our bigger differences. So, do I think you should pursue your old best friend? No, I don't. Don't ruin those good memories, don't spoil what you have left. Since you are in college make new friends, and share with them what you couldn't share with her.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF . . . You and your friend drifted apart?

Write to Dear Lisa at pajkoslr@axp.calumet.purdue.edu or drop off letters at either the Chronicle office C-344H or the drop box at the student info center located in the library building.

Career Corner

Interview Workshop

Have interviews got you nervous? Relax! Learn some interviewing tips on how do your best at an interview!

When: Tuesday, November 19 from 3- 5 p.m.Come to the CD&P office in Room C349 (Library Building) to sign up.

Walt Disney World College Internships

This year the interviews are at Purdue West Lafayette November 13-15. Come to the CD&P Office for more information on interview sign-ups.

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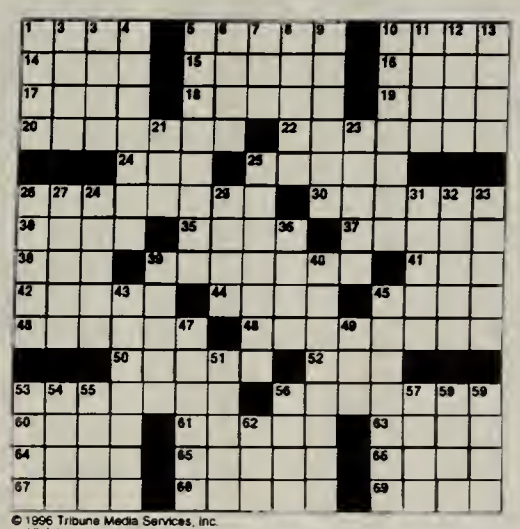

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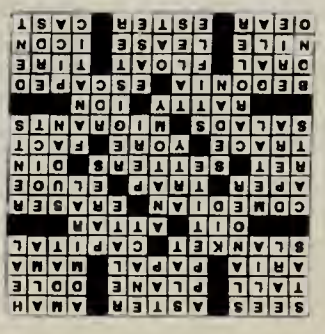

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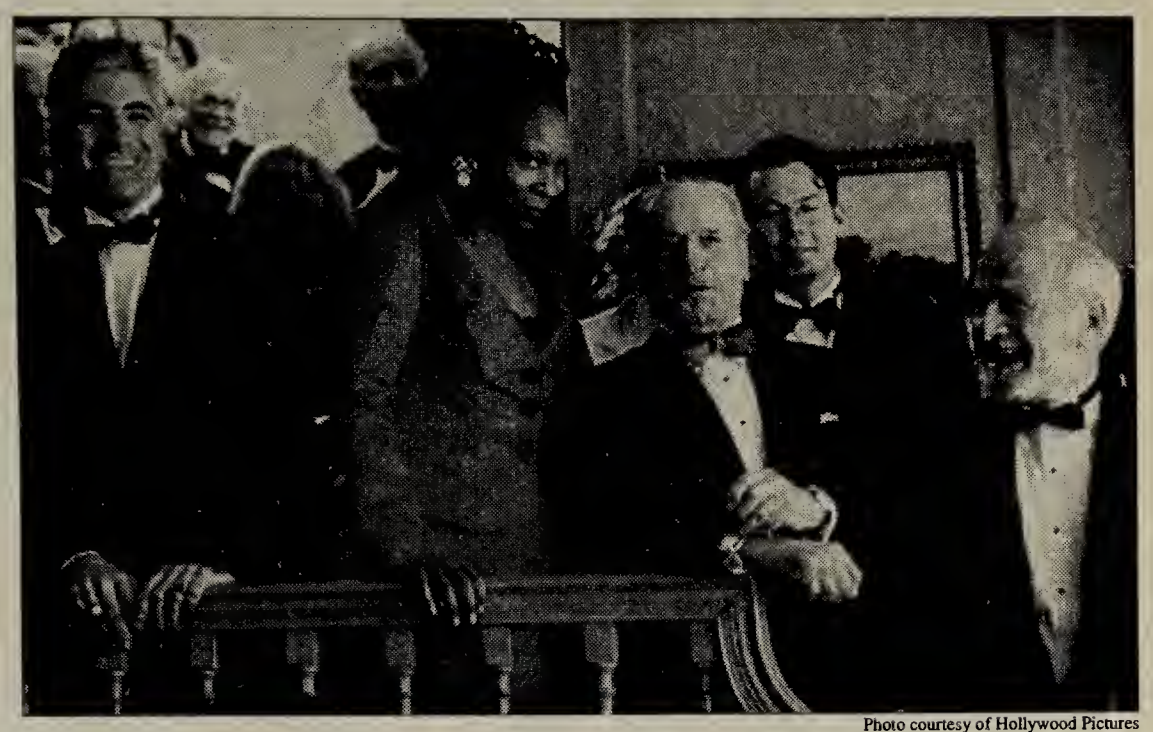
Whoopi takes on Wall Street



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Whoopi Goldberg leads a double life (Laurel Ayers/ Robert Cutty) to beat the system. Also featured is Eli Wallach (right center).

The Associate
★★1/2
A Hollywood Pictures release
Starring:
Whoopi Goldberg
Dianne Wiest
Eli Wallach
Directed by
Donald Petrie

Reviewed by
Scott Gonzales

Whoopi Goldberg is one of the most active Academy Award winning actresses working in Hollywood these days. Yet, even though she does work constantly, many of her films of late are long on talent but short on substance. The Associate is one prime example of this point.

In this adventure Goldberg plays a high powered Wall Street financial advisor, Laurel Ayers. Laurel Ayers is on that fast track up the ladder of success at her current brokerage firm and up for promotion with her next big sale, but her partner Frank (Tim Daley) is starting to bring her down those ladder rungs.

Frank, jealous of Laurel's business smarts, starts to sabotage their partnership. He begins to take credit for her work with her superiors, misinforms Laurel about business meetings, and in the end steals a big promotion which Ayers was next in line to receive. Frank plays your typical male chauvinist pig.

Laurel tires of the backstabbing and quits the firm in which she works, deciding instead to open her own firm. Be her own boss for a change.

When she was passed over for her promotion she soon realizes that the further she climbed up the ladder of success the more her male counterparts either ignored her or stepped over her.

The same thing happens at first when she opens her own financial firm. The men ignore her, look past her until in a moment of desperation Laurel invents a male partner named Robert Cutty.

Laurel invents this persona, Robert Cutty, who is just as business minded as herself, just as smart as herself. It is herself. She is Robert Cutty only no one knows it. Along with the help of her new secretary, Sally (Dianne Wiest), Laurel's imaginary counterpart becomes the new whiz of Wall Street . That is until everyone she deals with wants to meet Cutty. Only one problem, there is no Cutty!

What will Laurel do?

You guessed it, Whoopi transforms herself into the wizard himself. Before our eyes she transforms herself into an elderly, white man which is the hook to this film.

The grand make-up job changes Whoopi into a cross between Marlon Brando and Thomas Jefferson. If this is what this film is hinged on, then it falls a little short.

Whoopi needs to go back to her dramatic roots as she did when she first started acting. Films like "Ghost," "The Color Purple," "The Long Walk Home" and her one-woman Broadway play had more bite than any of her recent films.

Her string of comedies is quite impressive but let's face it, Whoopi can do better. She already has in the past.

Down to earth Angel

Actress Claire Danes is both 'wiser beyond her years' and earthy

Photo courtesy of

Claire Danes brings her twin qualities of radiance and earthiness to to one of the title roles in the recent "Romeo + Juliet" (seen here with Leonard Dicaprio).

BY SCOTT GONZALES
Entertainment Editor

At seventeen years old, Claire Danes seems to have the world at her feet. Her new film, "Romeo and Juliet," has been a top box office draw for the past two weeks.

Danes has won a Golden Globe award and Emmy nomination for her role as Angela in the critically acclaimed television drama "My So Called Life." Yet she is just starting to shine as a star on Hollywood's horizon.

The appeal that Danes has on her adoring public is hypnotic to say the least. Her unaltered attitude and exuberance just jumps off the movie screen. Danes has taken small roles and breathed into them a life of their own.

Some of those roles were in such films as "Little Women," "Home For The Holidays," "How To Make An American Quilt," and this falls' earlier release "To Gillian On Her 37th Birthday."

Born and raised in New York, Danes' original training was to steer her toward being a dancer. She began modern dance classes at age four, however, she grew to love being an actress.

In making her way to being an actress she enrolled into the prestigious Lee Strasburg Theater. "I walked into this business rather blindfolded," says Danes. "I mean, I always knew I wanted to act, but I had no idea what Hollywood was all about."

The idea which seems to follow Danes is a spiritual one. For some time now Danes has been associated with the mark of an angel. Her recent role as Juliet finds her dressed as an angel in a masquerade party scene.

Her character in "Little Women" decorates the Christmas tree in the film with an angel. Her character on "My So Called Life" is named Angela. Her mother in "To Gillian On Her 37th Birthday" even appears to be an angel. Coincidence?

Jodie Foster says of Danes, "She's a wiser-than-her-years person but she's really, really just a baby. She has the emotional strength to take her celebrity for what it is, see it as a small sacrifice, and move on. She's so down to earth." What lies ahead for Danes? Well, she has just completed the film "Polish Wedding," starring Gabriel Byrne and Lena Olin, and she is now at work on the next John Grisham adaptation directed by Frances Ford Coppola, "The Rainmaker."

Will Danes be stereotyped into the angst filled teenager roles? Danes explains that "Yeah, but we're kids and we're supposed to be cynical, so it gives us something to complain about." Believe me Claire, no one's complaining.

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Sick of watching losing teams?

Sports Talk by
Raymond Liskey

Aww gee Ray- it's almost winter again. It's too cold to go outside and watch baseball. Besides, Chicago had no team to follow in the playoffs this year. It started to get pretty cold this season a few times, just like Bears' weather should be. Unfortunately, the Bears almost put themselves out of contention early in the season. What am I going to do to fulfill my craving for heart-pounding, fast-paced competition and a winning team?

signed,
Lost

Dear Lost: I can sum up the answer in four reasons and three syllables: **Bas-ket-ball.**

Reason 1

Last week, Michael Jordan, Scottie Pippen, Dennis Rodman, Phil Jackson and most of last year's squad began their quest again to prove just how good a team has to be to be the best in the world, again.

No, they probably won't surpass their best ever record of 72 wins from last season mostly because they don't have to. They will face several fired up teams looking for revenge from last year. Despite more losses than last season, they will still prove to be the team of 1990's and achieve another championship.

Reason 2

The Purdue Boilermakers of West Lafayette are the three time defending Big Ten champions. Head coach Gene Keady did some great recruiting after losing six seniors last year.

Added to the roster this year are 7'2" Matt Ten Dam from Almelo, Holland, Michael Robinson from Peoria, Illinois and Gary native Gary McQuay. Boilermaker fans received a taste of several upcoming Purdue greats at a high school all star game at the end of last season.

Even though Keady's assistant coach Frank Kendricks made a crucial mistake by not admitting that he gave a ride to a recruit right away, they were forgiven by all including the NCAA. The Big Ten lost a lot of players last year.

Indiana will prove to be tough with their new 7'2" center Jason Collier from Springfield, Ohio, but the Boilermakers are still in the hunt for a fourth consecutive Big Ten title this year...unfortunately Keady may never get the national championship he truly deserves for his defensive excellence.

Reason 3

The Lady Lakers also return this year as defending CCAC conference champions. The team lost four seniors who averaged over fifty points per game.

After the last season ended, Coach Hayes was forced to restructure the team and their plays to accommodate the relatively young group. Returning players including CCAC honorable mention Jaime Muskin and Junior Tabitha Beaumont (recovering from a back injury) will be asked to lead the team back to the promised land.

The bond that these women created last season may just be enough to book that return trip to Jackson, TN for another shot in the NAIA post-season tournament.

Reason 4

After a disappointing season last year plagued by injury, the Lakers return with a vengeance. Head coach Larry Liddle looks to revive their team with CCAC all conference players Matt Blowers and Scott Sparks. Returning from injury this season are seniors Dan Penn and Tim Klein.

Liddle finally has some size in his line-up this season with 6'9" Klein, new big man Jarrett Lee, and what looks to be a strong bench to back it up. If this group looks as good on the court as they do on paper, they've got a legitimate shot at going on to post season play in Tulsa, OK.

Check out the campus' games this year- the Lakers and Lady Lakers are fired up and ready to go, but they still need your support. See you in the stands.

Lakers ready for action

With the introduction of some new players, mens basketball team assesses the season ahead.

BY CHRISTOPHER KOSOVICH
Staff Writer

At a press conference Wednesday, Nov. 6, Lakers' basketball head coach Larry Liddle spoke of his improving team and announced his positive outlook for the 1996-97 season.

"We anxiously looking forward to this year. We have had some great practices. We had two scrimmage games and made the progress we needed to make," said Coach Liddle.

Liddle's crusade will build on a solid foundation from his starting five players. The starters include last season's all conference players Matt Blower and Scott Sparks, healthy Tim Klein and Dan Penn (both returning from season ending injuries last season), and new addition Jarrett Lee.

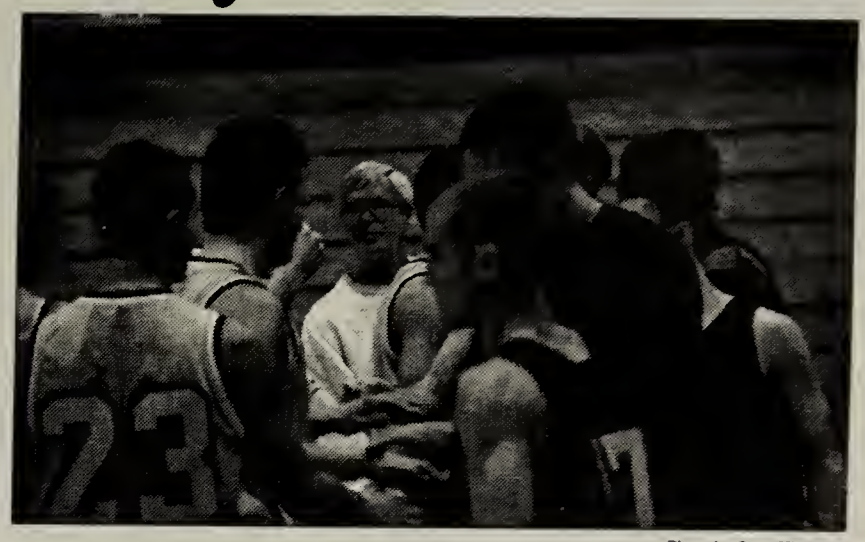

Photo by Sean Kingston

Coach Larry Liddle, center, leads the Laker's basketball team into a new season. Liddle is looking forward to a productive season this year.

"We have a lot of experience. We have three all conference players and Sophomore Jarrett Lee is maturing and will do well," stated Liddle.

Liddle doesn't plan on

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Lithuanian team visits campus

BY VINCENT CLARK
AND CYNTHIA GOVEA
Staff Writers

Purdue Calumet added another chapter in the continuing relationship between itself and Lithuania as a travelling team from Vytautus Magnus University participated in a friendly competition at PUC on Wednesday, Nov. 6.

On Nov. 5, they left their home country at 6 a.m. their time. Within a 22 hour period, they had ridden on two planes and one extended bus ride previous to playing at Grace University.

Including the Nov. 5 game at Grace University, the Lithuanian team will play six teams including Lewis University, College of St. Francis, Taylor University, DePauw University, Franklin College and Rose Hulman.

During their 12 day trip, they will also be visiting many hot spots of Indiana such as the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame and a specially arranged visit to the Hoosier Dome in Indianapolis.

The Lithuania visit came about when PUC Chancellor James Yackel visited Lithuania back in 1990. In between many faxes from Lithuania and PUC, Yackel talked to PUC Athletic Director John Friend about sending PUC's mens basketball team to Lithuania to play their teams. Everything went through and our men's basketball team went to Lithuania in the summer of 1995.

The trip took lots of planning and money to help them fly to Lithuania. Once in Lithuania, all expenses were paid by the Lithuanian hosts.

Just this past summer, the Lady Lakers went to Lithuania as well. In return, PUC invited Lithuania to come to the United States to play our university teams.

"The majority of the credit should go to Chancellor Yackel for help making these trips possible," said Friend.

Although the game was just a friendly exhibition, the Lakers defeated VMU 74-67. The Lakers came out flat at the start of both halves, but lacked focus at some points due to the casual nature of the game.

Several of the Lakers second and third team members did get some playing time, however.

Junior Etaine "Snake" Harris led the Lakers in scoring. Harris hit 4/4 three-pointers and finished the game with 16 points while senior Dan Penn threw in 15 points of his own.

Health and Fitness

By John Bobalik

Young women needed for exercise and bone loss study

"Influence of Strength Training and Aerobic Exercise on Bone and Heart Variables in Younger Women," is a collaborative effort between the nursing departments at Purdue Calumet and Loyola University in Chicago. Four nursing professors are working together on the project including Purdue Calumet's Jane A. Walker, Ph.D, RN and Peggy Gerard, DNSc, RN.

"The purpose of the Purdue Calumet study is to examine three exercise interventions, namely strength training, aerobic exercise and a combination of both on bone and heart outcomes in younger women ages 18-25.

The proposed pilot study will also provide the opportunity to review and refine research procedures, as well as collect data to support applying for a larger research grant from the National Institutes of Health," said Gerard.

Twenty young women ages 18 to 25 years will be recruited from the Purdue Calumet student and staff population. Study participants will be randomly assigned to one of four groups: groups are strength training only, aerobic exercise only, a combination of strength training and aerobic exercise, and the non-exercising control group.

Subjects assigned to one of the exercise groups will receive an individual exercise prescription from one of the Total Fitness Center's exercise physiologists. Participants will be required to workout 3 days per week, follow a specific exercise routine and keep workout records on themselves for the duration of the study.

The exercise physiologists will be available on a daily basis to answer questions and provide assistance. Participants assigned to the control group will be asked to continue following their normal daily routine without following a structured exercise program.

Applicants who are accepted in the Purdue Calumet study will receive bone density measurements of the spine and hip, blood lipid studies, muscular strength and aerobic fitness assessments and a body composition analysis.

"Osteoporosis and heart disease are common illnesses among older women. Medical researchers have plenty of data on the effects of exercise on bone density and heart disease risk in older women. Scientists know less about the impact of exercise on bone density and heart disease risk in younger women," added Walker.

A free one-year membership to Purdue Calumet's Total Fitness Center will be awarded to all those in the exercise groups.

All participants will be retested at 6 months and at the end of one year. Participants in the non-exercising control group will be awarded a free one year membership to Purdue Calumet's Total Fitness Center at the end of the study.

"Nurses, as well as other health professionals, are asked repeatedly about what women should do to stay healthy. We're asked what kind of exercise will provide the best health benefits in terms of reducing the risk for coronary heart disease and pathological bone loss.

"If exercise levels are higher during younger years and maintained, the risk of developing osteoporisis or chronic heart disease may be lower in later years. At this point in time, we don't have enough data on 18 to 25 year olds to say that such a relationship does exist. That's one of the reasons why we're doing this study," said Gerard.

For more information about the Purdue Calumet study or signing up to participate in the research project, women between the ages of 18-25 should contact Walker at extension 2822 or Gerard at extension 2821.

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experimenting with the bench very much as the season progresses.

"We are going to find the players to fit the roles in a certain combination. We need to find the players that know what needs to be done at the end of a game. Players that can play under pressure. Sophomore Kari Dunn is strong and will provide additional strength to supplement others," added Liddle.

Seniors Dan Penn and Tim Klein were kept out of last season's line-up due to injuries, but look forward to a healthy season with a positive outlook.

"It may have an effect in the beginning, but it won't take long to catch on," added Penn. Klein said, "If everyone stays healthy we have a shot at conference and national tourney."

Klein plans on leading the team by example. "I'm going to do the things the coach wants me to do and the things a senior should do," added Klein.

The team lost many close games last year and that is something coach Liddle wants to overcome. Rather than chasing the other team, Liddle wants the other team to have to pursue the Lakers.

"We want to win a lot of games and win them decisively. We don't want to be just a good team, but have others know it. We want others to not want to play us," added Penn.

Behind the scenes

A look at some of the people that make PUC athletics possible

BY CHRISTOPHER KOSOVICH
Staff writer

Mary Hess and Martha Lowry are the Purdue Calumet athletic secretaries. As PUC athletic secretaries, Mary and Martha both enjoy their jobs tremendously and have no trouble keeping busy everyday.

Making travel arrangements for the sports teams, taking care of athletic correspondences and answering numerous questions are just a few of the many functions they perform.

Martha Lowry

Mary graduated from Monticello High School and has worked as a secretary since she was eighteen.

Mary worked at Purdue University in West Lafayette as an athletic secretary for a number of years and has been an athletic secretary at PUC for 12 years. Mary plans on retiring in a few years and adds, " I do this because I like it."

Mary Hess

Martha attended Valparaiso University and earned a degree in home economics.

Before becoming an athletic secretary she taught continuing education at PUC for twelve years.

Martha has been an athletic secretary for four years now. Being a secretary works well for Martha since she has children. "I like my job because it allows me time with my kids," added Martha.

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